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27.	Oil and Natural Gas Commission.
28.	Balajee Distrilleries.
29.	Orissa Cement.
30.	J.K. Synthetics.
31.	Dalmia Cement.
32.	Golden Tobacco Co.
33.	Dunlop India Ltd.
34.	Orissa Mining Corporation Ltd.
35.	Mecon (India) Ltd.

Proposal to ban retired bureaucrats and bank officials to join private sector

2793. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to impose a bank on top bank officers and bureaucrats joining private sector after retirement.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBUl SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per existing instructions, officers who, before retirement, were holdmg Group 'A' posts in the Central Government, have to obtain prior permission of the Central Government before taking up commercial employment within two years of their retirement. Chairmen/Managing (Directors of State Bank of India and Chairmen and Managing Directors/ Executive Directors of the nationalised banks are also required to obtain prior permission of the Central Government before accepting any commercial employment within two years of their retirement.

Rationalisation of customs Iaws and procedures

2794. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the (Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have brought about a major simplification and rationalisation of customs laws and procdeures to benefit both the importers and incoming passengers including non-resident Indians (NRIs;) and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The powers of assessment and ad-judication have been delegated to lower officers to reduce the time taken for clearance of import and export cargo. For the same purpose, the number of stages for processing of documents have been combined and reduced. A system of self-assessment of import documents by reputed importers, Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings has been introduced. The facility of Green Channel clearance (with only limited examination of goods) by certain categories of importers has also been started.

For incoming passengers, including NRIs, the duty free allowances have been enhanced and value limits for bringing specified consumable durables under transfer of residence and Rule 4(A) of the Baggage Rules have been raised. For the passengers availing of transfer of residence, relaxations have been provided to condone shortall of stay in India. Tourist Baggage Rules have been up-dated to allow temporary import of items like, Video Camera, Compact disc player, laptop computer, etc,